

THE LITTLE STEAMBOAT.

Lincoln's Neat Method of Crushing the Opposing Counsel.

Once during the argument in a lawsuit, in which Lincoln represented one party, the lawyer on the other side was a good deal of a glib talker, but not reckoned as deeply profound or much of a thinker. He would say anything to a jury that happened to enter his head. Lincoln, in his address to the jury, referring to this, said: "My friend on the other side is all right, or would be all right, were it not for the peculiarity I am about to chronicle. His habit—of which you have witnessed a very painful specimen in his argument to you in this case—of reckless assertion and statements without grounds, need not be imputed to him as a moral fault or as telling of a moral blemish. He can't help it. For reasons which, gentlemen of the jury, you and I have not time to study here, as deplorable as they are surprising, the oratory of the gentleman completely suspends all action of his mind. The moment he begins to talk, his mental operations cease. I never knew but one thing which compared with my friend in this particular. That was a small steamboat. Back in the days when I performed my part as a keel boatman, I made the acquaintance of a trifling little steamboat which used to bustle and puff and wheeze about in the Sangamon river. It had a five-foot boiler and a seven-foot whistle, and every time it whistled it stopped."

A SERIOUS FALL.

But He Was Warned Not to Take a Tumble Again.

"You are very late this morning, Mr. Baldwin," said a dry goods merchant recently to one of his clerks. "Do not let it happen again."

"Very sorry," said the clerk, humbly. "I met with a serious fall."

"Indeed," replied the merchant, relenting. "Are you hurt much?"

"Principally, sir, in your estimation," answered the clerk respectfully. "Oh, never mind that," said the merchant kindly. "I am very sorry, and had no intention to be severe. We are all liable to accidents. How did you get the fall?"

"Well, you see, sir," said the clerk confidently, "I was called quite early this morning—earlier, in fact, than usual."

"Ah!"

"Yes, sir; but somehow or other I fell asleep again."

"Go to your desk, sir, and don't try that on again," exclaimed the merchant, with an air of severity which was belied by the twinkle in his eye, which denoted that he enjoyed the joke.

Mines Under the Sea.

We have all heard about the British coal and iron mines, the galleries of which extend far out under the Atlantic ocean but there are, perhaps, very few Americans that know that the most extensive under-ocean mining operations in the world are carried on along the Pacific coast of this continent. At Nanaimo, British Columbia, there is a coal mine, the shaft of which extends several hundred feet below the ocean bed at that point. All the galleries of the mine, aggregating something like twelve miles in length, are entirely under the ocean.

Next We Will Be Toothless.

Americans are said to have the poorest teeth of any in the world. It is said the more brain work a person has the worse his teeth become. The same result is attained by lack of proper nourishment, and it is said by a well known dentist that fifty years hence, among the very poor classes, everyone will be toothless at the age of twenty.

Worse and More of It.

A convict in a German prison had been extremely refractory. One morning the warden said to the keeper: "I say, Huber, the scoundrel is acting worse than ever. Put him on bread and water." "But he is already doing two fast days," "Then give him a cook book to read."

CHARLOTTE CORDAY'S SKULL

The Centenary of Her Death Attracted Much Attention in France.

As for revolution centenaries of general interest, next to those of the fall of the Bastille and the founding of the republic, Charlotte Corday certainly attracted most attention. As far as newspaper supplements and articles go, she had a celebration for five days. Of course a good deal was about Maxat, but solely in justification of Charlotte Corday's abhorrence of him. Though she counted on joining Brutus and other ancients in the Elysian fields, she was not indifferent to earthly fame, or she would have been less solicitous about her portrait, and the respect and admiration which are now testified for her would have gratified her ambition. Both the small hotel in which she lodged and the house occupied at last have disappeared, but M. Arctie possesses the iron bar of the balconies of both buildings. Prince Roland Bonaparte claims moreover to possess Charlotte Corday's skull. It came to him from M. Durue, who had it from M. St. Albin, and the latter showed it to Esquiros about 1841. Experts state that this skull was never buried, and that the ten missing teeth were extracted after death. The supposition is that Charlotte Corday's head was handed over to the medical school, and that the teeth were given away as relics. Prince Roland professes to have clear proofs of the genuineness of the skull. It may be added that one of the jury who condemned Charlotte Corday, Fualdes, whose murder in 1817 made a great sensation, and was for a time enveloped in mystery.

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